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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best with strongest interest for active fast food promotions and retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement entering the weekend was generally fair to moderate. Wings were slightly more available, but moving satisfactorily. Drums were fully sufficient and slow to clear, but all other dark meat items were adequate to well cleared. Breast items were in good balance and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 29-JAN-2007 (cents per lb)

### **US GRADE A**

(Including branded product)

<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	65.00-68.00	60.00-75.00	67.93	29
New York	68.00-71.00			
Los Angeles	79.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	71.00-73.00	67.00-79.00	71.41	91

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 72.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### **PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT**

<u>LOADS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.</u>
977	63.00-74.00	71.79
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:	<u>WTD. AVG.</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.00	1,199
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	5,442
BREASTS - WHOLE	93.00	1,234
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.00	1,077
LEG QUARTERS	36.00	8,376
WINGS	133.50	2,598

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was light to fair, best for features, with some optimism for first of the month. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to moderate. Wings were not as tight as before, ranging adequate to well cleared. Breast items were balanced to short and moving well, and dark meat was sufficient to barely adequate, but more available for drums. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate at best entering the weekend. Offerings were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. Fast food interest was fair to moderate, best where features were noted. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were noted as slightly more available. Other items were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily with the exception of drums which were slow to clear.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries were at unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate to cover needs. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was light to fairly good, best to cover ad activities. Dealers anticipated moderate week-end carryovers.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged. Whole broiler market tone was steady. Offerings were light on similar trade inquiry; fill-in trade noted on 2 3/4 and 3 up wogs at 74 and 73 cents. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate, best into promotions and features. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Parts activity was minimal as current commitments satisfy buyer's needs. Supplies of all parts were adequate to in close balance on a steady to fully steady market tone.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were noted as moderately heavy to heavy when combined with plants operating on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 79 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings although slightly more available, remained adequate to well cleared. Breast and tenders were clearing satisfactorily and dark meat items were in fairly good balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	59-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	01/22/07 - 01/26/07
	01/23/06 - 01/27/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	01/22/07 - 01/26/07
	01/23/06 - 01/27/06
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

JAN 25

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 26

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	640	121.00-200.00	-	137.53	595	120.00-202.00	-	138.51	3,275	138.78
TENDERLOINS	243	137.00-197.00	139-145	143.09	255	137.00-197.00	-	150.18	1,169	146.59
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				426	85.76
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				280	76.64
LEGS	203	45.00-55.00	49	49.04	178	45.00-55.00	49	48.65	956	49.21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	629	31.00-37.00	34-35	34.14	590	31.00-37.00	34-35	34.20	3,043	34.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	715	33.00-39.00	36	35.93	975	33.00-39.00	36	35.82	3,896	36.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	120.00-136.00	121-125	126.47	300	119.00-132.00	121-125	126.02	1,630	127.78
WINGS (CUT)	280	136.00-149.00	139-142	142.82	250	135.00-149.00	137-142	142.10	1,315	143.15
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				311	37.94
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				148	41.76
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	93.73

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 25, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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TRADING FOR JAN 26, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 58.50	56.27	52.50 - 57.00	54.96	55.37

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items and most dark meat cuts were sufficient for current needs. Tenders were in good balance. Wings were noted as slightly more available than earlier in the week but still clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was generally steady to fully steady on most items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JAN 25

CURRENT NEGWTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	131.31	634,418
TENDERLOINS	145-150	133.63	187,180
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	88.18	148,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.25	72,000
LEGS	49-50	51.63	102,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.59	214,800
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	51.35	109,223
THIGHS	42-43	46.55	70,600
B/S THIGHS	100-101	95.36	92,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	124.10	176,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.06	18,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.90	15,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.04	12,040

CURRENT NEGWTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	132.38	613,146	132.30	2,920,690
TENDERLOINS	145-150	136.68	216,940	132.55	910,277
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	93.78	73,560	89.69	511,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.48	82,800	86.72	391,360
LEGS	49-50	50.48	215,160	50.65	901,620
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.09	305,760	35.33	1,368,480
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	42.63	123,574	44.90	515,847
THIGHS	42-43	48.05	167,320	48.22	398,880
B/S THIGHS	100-101	100.72	33,640	97.10	392,340
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	126.84	192,140	127.35	1,013,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.96	10,800	11.08	86,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.88	3,880	38.16	54,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	48.49	18,240	47.99	103,680

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, &amp; PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/26	01/25	01/24	01/23	01/24	01/23	01/19	01/17
Alabama	3,316	3,797	3,503	3,914	5.67	5.46	3,679	5.73
Arkansas	4,676	5,290	5,177	5,244	5.08	5.20	5,670	5.20
Delmarva	2,515	2,210	2,241	2,180	5.66	5.82	2,242	5.76
KY-LA-TN	2,261	2,192	2,281	2,262	5.18	5.20	2,330	5.09
Mississippi	2,943	2,901	2,615	2,704	5.74	5.69	2,940	5.82
North Carolina	2,709	2,657	2,668	2,699	6.92	6.79	3,076	6.87
Texas	2,510	2,500	2,453	2,502	5.15	5.29	2,433	5.27
Total	20,930	21,547	20,938	21,505	5.58	5.58	22,370	5.64
Mon-Fri	106,997(A)				99,925(A)			
Saturday	553(included in total for date shown)				1,690			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jan-07 and 27-Jan-07 is estimated to be 31,314,000 head down 6.71 percent from a week ago and down -5.09 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,568,000, last year 32,992,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 27-Jan-07 is estimated to be 159,718,000 head up 6.20 percent from a week ago, and down 2.00 percent from a year ago. (Last week 150,392,000, last year 162,972,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	111-118
DUCKS	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
	DRY PACK	190-195

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection,

Week ending 20-Jan-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
(Preliminary)	Thousands				
Head	37,595	81,382	19,740	11,675	150,392
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	6.96	8.25	5.43
% of total /1	25%	54%	13%	8%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	42,431	83,697	24,265	10,016	160,409
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.44	6.94	8.21	5.43
% of total /1	27%	52%	15%	6%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,610	74,638	19,758	18,479	154,485
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.37	6.91	8.26	5.40
% of total /1	27%	48%	13%	12%	100%
To date/2007	115,235	234,534	62,290	33,059	445,118
To date/2006	134,858	221,400	66,911	48,644	471,813

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 20-Jan-07

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
(Preliminary)	THOUSANDS				
Head	150,392	1,071	1,284	2,355	505
Avg Wt	5.43	3.45	7.95	5.90	6.79
Last week	160,409	1,141	1,285	2,426	544
Same wk yr ago	154,485	1,498	1,410	2,908	432
Avg Wt	5.40	3.33	7.91	5.55	5.95
To-date/2007	445,118	3,098	3,895	6,993	1,572
To-date/2006	471,813	4,260	4,159	8,419	1,397

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 150.2 million head, or 9.6 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEKENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
December 16	162.1	156.8	103%	5.31
23	161.5	153.4	105%	5.37
30	135.5	149.2	91%	5.43
January 6	135.9	150.0	91%	5.48
13	162.4	155.4	105%	5.42
20	152.2	159.8	95%	5.43
Year to date	450.5	465.2	97%	
January 27		161.9		
February 3		162.8		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER****Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	01/27/07	01/20/06	%CHG	01/28/06	%CHG
Broilers	159,718	150,392*	+6.20	162,972*	-2.00
Cattle	632	610	+04	608*	+04
Hogs	2,083	2,073	0	2,029*	+03

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22-JAN-2007

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	155-159	161-165

MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

RANGE	MOSTLY	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60.00-73.00	69.00-73.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.00	74.00-79.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT &amp; WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was good to very good as Chinese New Year approaches. Supplies were balanced to at times tight. Schedules were full-time for next week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 22-JAN-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** - January 23, 2007**\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\***

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.75 - .90
Chukars	2.80 - 2.90ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.45 - .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.55 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .60
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.80ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25ea.
Leghorn Hens	- .25ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- .25ea.
Silkie	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Pigeons	4.75 - 5.10ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.90 - 3.10
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.60
Bunnies	3.00 - 8.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.50 - 6.00ea.
Goats	49.00 - 59.00ea.
Doves	- 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.75 - .90
<b>Total Coops Sold</b>	<b>256</b>

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy cannery were at least sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
19-28 MAJORITY 24-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-30 MAJORITY 26-28	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-12	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Leghorn hen salvage values were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully sufficient supplies. Processing time was reduced. Sales were slow. Costs of disposal were about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was moderate to instances good while offerings were barely adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-JAN-07

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report. Offerings were noted as fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was only steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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